

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.  
Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....\$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—  
D. Gillic, Esq., Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stolterfoth, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
Geo. W. P. LAFFAIRE.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and  
Amoy.

BANCERS.—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
" 6 " 4 "  
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1893. [18]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$3,000,000  
CAPITAL CALLED-UP.....\$25,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Wm. Kewick, Esq.—Chairman.  
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Egbert Iverson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.  
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HONGKONG COMMITTEE:  
The Hon. J. J. H. Hopkins, Esq.,  
H. H. Hopkins, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.  
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and  
Shanghai.  
Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST:  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS

A and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained  
on application.

CHANTREY-INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [187]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000  
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 3 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.  
" 6 " 4 "  
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [193]

## Intimations.



## Insurances.

### THE STANDARD. ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—  
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.  
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.  
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.  
(d) The Surrender and Loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [174]

### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE LONG RANGE CUP will be Shot for  
TO-MORROW, the 21st inst.—Ranges,  
800 and 600 yards. Time, 3 P.M.  
On MONDAY 23rd and WEDNESDAY 25th,  
the Range will be reserved from 3 P.M. for practice at 200, 300 and 600 yards only.

A. MANN,  
Asst. Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th October 1893. [183]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUEN FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [173]

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000; \$833,333.33.  
EQUAL TO.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YEE MOON, Esq.  
LOU TEE SHUN, Esq.

### MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1893. [194]

### Intimations.

### WANTED.

A ROTARY PRINTING PRESS. Size  
about 36 by 41 inch, or a little larger.  
Must be in working order.

Apply, stating terms, &c. to

G. W.,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [1014]

D. R. K. N. O. R. S.  
LION BRAND  
A. N. T. I. P. Y. R. I. N. E.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS IS TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious  
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-  
GRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,  
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,  
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and  
many other complaints. It is also the very  
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by  
the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S  
ANTIPIRINE. Each Tab. bears the Inventor's  
name, "Dr. KNORR," in red letters.

SPERMATOL is the best Vulnerary; its  
power in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,  
is well known and acknowledged.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and  
Druggist constantly on hand at the China  
Supply, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for  
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [100]

### BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-  
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and  
Table Accommodation.

Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,  
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [164]

### AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORRESS of the ITALIAN  
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most  
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of  
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind  
patronage and support; and desires to state that  
she will be pleased to receive orders for all  
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts, made to order, and Cuffs  
and Collars renewed in old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,  
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.  
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiorress will also be pleased to  
make any PARTS of old ENVELOPES to be made into  
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who  
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1893. [1010]

### EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [1003]

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## Intimations.

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremala"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Peider's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices. THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOITE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *coquetterie* being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas, and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (SIR ENGLISH and AMERICAN TABLES) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GALLERIE, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoining the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS (the latest and most approved type) convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER  
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1893. [103]

### W. POWELL & CO.

#### LARGE SHIPMENTS OF

#### NEW GOODS.

LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S

#### HOSIERY,

EVEN SIZE.

FOOTBALL JERSEYS. SWEATERS,  
&c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [104]

### KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

IN ORDER TO EFFECT A CLEARANCE, WE OFFER OUR

#### SURPLUS STOCK

OF

#### FRENCH NOVELS,

AT THE RATE OF

\$5.00 per DOZEN or 50 CENTS EACH.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [17]

### SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.

MARTINI-HENRY MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS'

"LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES—

METAL-COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.

CARTRIDGES LOADED with (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.

PIGOU, WILKS and LAWRENCE'S "ALLIANCE" SPORTING POWDER.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.

WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS.

GUN CLEANERS, &c., &c.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & CO.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1893. [1044]

SELLING VESSELS,

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship.

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain F. Davies, R.N.R. will be despatched  
as above on or about SATURDAY, the 21st

instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1115]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at

12 P.M.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.  
SEASON 1893-94.

THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF OUR SUPPLIES OF GARDEN SEEDS

for this season have arrived, and we are now prepared to book orders for prompt or forward execution. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the seeds are marginally numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state only the numbers of the kinds required.

Orders from one person, of from \$5.00 to \$10.00, allowed 25 per cent. discount; over \$10.00, an extra 5 per cent.

CLAY'S FERTILISER.

A high class Fertiliser for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally; it supplies natural nourishment to the soil and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each.....\$1.50

" " 28 " .....\$4.00

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS".

LAWN MOWERS.  
The best and cheapest machines in the market. Kept in stock and supplied at Manufacturer's prices.

FERMINGER'S  
MANUAL OF GARDENING  
FOR THE TROPICS.

This work is alike interesting to the student of botany and to the practical gardener, and comprises a large number of plants which for the convenience of reference are arranged in separate groups and are headed with their ordinary and botanical names.

THE CULTIVATION OF

FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, FRUIT  
TREES, &c.

Is practically dealt with, and Pruning, Grafting, and Manuring thoroughly explained.

Price \$7.50.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
The Hongkong Dispensary.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1893.

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SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

THE GLADSTONIAN PROGRAMME,

LONDON, October 19th.

Mr. Herbert Asquith, Home Secretary, speaking at Glasgow, recited the impression Mr. Gladstone had made in Midlothian when he intimated that the Home Rule Bill would be again introduced next session. That, Mr. Asquith said, was not intended, and though Home Rule would be steadily kept in view, the session would be devoted to realising the Newcastle programme.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

President Carnot, in writing to the Czar, referred to the friendship and sympathy which is uniting France and Russia. The Czar, in reply, confided himself to an expression of the pleasure it would afford him if the French squadron pursued the visit at Cronstadt.

ITALIAN PREPARATIONS IN ITALY.

The taxes in Italy have been increased by forty million lire to meet military expenses.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

READERS must not fail to observe the latest Hotel notice in our advertising columns, as to which we shall have a word to say to-morrow.

We would remind members that the annual meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held in the City Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A MARRIED woman convicted of injecting morphine into Chinese lady clients at Wan Chai was fined \$10 or six weeks by the magistrate to-day.

"Women dread firearms," she said, nervously. "Now about the other kind?" he whispered, extending a couple towards her, and she never flinched.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Peru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 20th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port at noon yesterday.

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Preceptory will be held in Freemasons' Hall, 2-Tai-lan Street, this evening, at 6 for 6 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Magistrate.—Now, then, Mr. Smith, no prevarication! Tell us all that passed between you and the defendant.

Mr. McCarthy.—Brickbats, yes honour—just brickbats!

The French frigates *Tromelin*, with Admiral Hamman on board, and the gunboats *Elou* and *Carde* left here yesterday for Yokohama. Our evening contemporary designates these three vessels the "French fleet."

A REGULAR Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Magistrate.—What is the charge against this old man? Policeman.—Stealing a lot of brimstone, your honour. He was caught in the act. Magistrate (to prisoner).—My aged friend, couldn't you have waited a few years longer?

For blowing his horn near the Cosmopolitan Dock last night, to attract trade, the master of the launch *Willard* was fined \$5 at the Police Court to-day. Being perfectly willing to pay up, the genial skipper is now free to blow his horn some more, if so disposed.

The Duke of Newcastle, accompanied by his secretary and valet, is now on his way to Hongkong in the P. & O. steamer *Verona*, which is due here on Tuesday from Japan. The "Duke," who is 27 years of age and slightly lame, will put up at the Hongkong Hotel.

GENERAL business in the colony is said to be much better, but money is scarcer than ever it was. An enterprising gentleman offered us three cases of oil this morning for a quarter's supply of the *Hongkong Telegraph*. We refused. We don't drink gin, and the Office Goat has lately joined the Good Templars.

There is a common belief that alcohol gives new strength and energy after fatigue sets in. The sensation of fatigue is one of the safety valves of the human machine to stifle the feeling of fatigue. In order to do more work, is like closing the safety valve, so that the boiler will be overheated and explosion result. That is why it is called "going on a burst."

THE steamship *Cape Colonna*, Captain Hugh Alston, which left here to-day for Canton with a cargo of Hongkong coal, has completed her charter with the Charbonnages Co., and under telephone instructions from home, will leave here for Australia as soon as possible after discharging. Captain Alston has made many friends in Hongkong during the short time he has been running on the coast.

At a temperance-meeting in an Australian town,—Enthusiastic ex-drunkard bellowed.—"Yes, my friends, by God's help I give up the drink, and now—what? Why, now I've got 'caliph' an' halo—a banking-account!"

Local tallow man.—"Perhaps you'll pay this account of fourteen shillings which you've owed me for more'n a year."

Collaps of the reformed dipsomaniac.

A YOUNG English girl, who was afflicted with an undesirable amount of adipose tissue, has succeeded in ridding herself of a large amount of it without injuring her health by following the regimen given below. She began by getting up at 6 o'clock every morning, and taking a three-mile walk before breakfast, without considering the weather. At 6 o'clock she had a large cup of coffee, with very little sugar, and a slice of dry bread. Then she occupied herself as she liked until 8 o'clock, when more bread and some vegetables composed her meal. At 4.30 she was off for another long walk, followed by a cup of tea and a few dried biscuits. Ninety days of this regimen reduced her weight, from 185 to 145 pounds. We have no English girls in Hongkong who, however much they may be predisposed to obesity, would be likely to undergo such a strict course of training.

The Hongkong Shylock still prospers in our midst. The late case that has been brought under our notice is one of the worst we've heard of, and it is much to be regretted that it did not come into Court. The particulars are briefly as follows.—In May last, the lately departed Mr. Bilton, of the Naval Yard, obtained from the notorious Van Eps-Jackson, the equally notorious "Molasses King," a sum of \$200 on a promissory note for \$500, to be paid in six monthly instalments of \$50 each, commencing on the 1st June, exclusive of one week after the loan was arranged. This promissory note, it may be mentioned, was guaranteed by three persons, in respectable and fully responsible positions in the colony, whose names it is not necessary to give. Early in June the exceedingly acute Van Eps disposed of the P. N. to the Commandant of the Naval Yard for \$500, thus getting \$20 for the loan of \$100 for a period of about 10 days. Considerably over 100 per cent. per annum on the original loan of \$500 was not a bad investment, but to clever "Molasses," taking like 300 per cent., was a stroke of financial genius and colossal chicanery, and, indeed, even these hard times, Shylock and his pound of flesh were not a "circumstance" to his local prototype and the person who knew that indications of personal "low spirits" of way. There are any other persons of Mr. Bilton's breed at present in difficulties. The *Hongkong Telegraph* borrows them a sum along particular (in confidence), & promising to pay all in its power to put down, what is neither him nor a system of "judgments," given by the "legality" of which may be fairly questioned, but which in any case is a disreputable public scandal and ought to be put down.

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We learn that the next meeting of that mysterious Secret Society known as the "Coven" is to be held in the room above the "Pop Shop," at the corner of Queen's Road and Dudding St., on Saturday evening, the 28th inst. This timely notice is given in the interests of the police.

At the *Daily Press* office, Wyndham Street, between the hours of 10 and 11 last night, "Granny," foster-mother of the remonstrant and staff of the Morning Oracle prematurely of a Meteorological Society, *Government Gazette* and English papers please copy. No card, I can't give them.

THE Russian soldier, it appears, is more heavily burdened than in any other European army. The foot soldier in the army of the Czar carries over sixty-five pounds. The weight borne by the foot soldiers of the other principal European nations are as follows: French, 62 pounds; British, 63; German, 61; Swiss, 59; Italian, 43; and Austrian, 47.

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The attention of those members of the Hongkong Jockey Club who have not been favoured by the C. C. with a copy of the Annual Report, is directed to the statement of accounts as published in our issue of Wednesday. Should the sum total detailed be allowed to pass us unchallenged at to-morrow's meeting—well, we shall smile; that's all!

The China and Manila Steamship Co.'s steamer *Emerald*, Capt. Taylor, which left here this morning for Manila, via Amoy, is making a trial of the turbines manufactured by the Charbonnages Co. at their factory at Kowloon. Mr. Wilson, the Charbonnages Company's superintending engineer, has gone on to Amoy in the *Emerald*, to supervise the use of the new fuel, from which good results are expected.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that poverty is now the almost universal vice of the community, pleasure still has its devotees. St. Andrew's Ballroom, on a big in the near future and promises the liveliest to be a bigger success than usual; indeed more kilts are being given—an aling than there are Scots in Scotland. Subscriptions are coming in fast and the required sum will in a few days be assured. Good old Scotch—thistle!

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Our ill that the "round robin" of the rank and file of the St. Andrew's Society is to the effect that for the forthcoming ball in honor of Scotland's hoary-headed myth, the subsubscription should be \$10, instead of \$20 as formerly, and \$5 for each invited guest, was unanimously adopted by the *Saturnians* at their meeting last night.

We believe that in all right, but we are rather sceptical as to the accuracy of "Our Very Own" information when he says that the proceeding would end with "Brownie" in his great *Ti-a-boom-de-ay* act.

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MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

October 19th, 1893.

It may be wondered why your correspondent has not forwarded earlier intelligence of the departure of the now notorious coolie ship *Taratar*, but the fact is it has been momentarily occupying her return to this port. She did sail hence for Brazil with a cargo of coolies on the 16th inst. Monday last, but an episode occurred on board prior to her sailing that will take a deal of explaining away by the advocates of "free emigration" to foreign countries: this was the hosting of the "Mutiny" on board; assistance required. In response to this a party of water police were despatched to the assistance of the Captain, and the gun-boat *Bengo* was also ordered to take up a position close to the *Taratar*, to ascertain the nature of the trouble and to render help if necessary. So far I have had no opportunity of seeing any of the officers of the gun-boat nor getting any really reliable information on the subject. The police are not over-communicative, neither will any of the persons who are interested in or connected with the coolie-traffic in any way let the "cat" slip as to the origin and extent of the "mutiny." It is, however, stated that a quarrel arose between the coolies and the paymaster, and that the latter was assaulted. In my opinion this statement requires a more than ordinarily large lump of salt to be conveniently swallowed, but until the real facts are forthcoming it will probably pass current. It has been hinted that the Viceroy of Canton is about to issue a proclamation which will paralyze all future ventures in this line, and that rewards are to be offered for the capture of coolie-catchers. The better class of Chinese here verily hope that this rumour will prove true, for ever since this wretched craft came into these waters there has been a great deal of restlessness, to give it no stronger name, noticeable among a large section of the Chinese community, much to detriment of legitimate trade.

The Leal Senado has been having quite a lively time with the Conselho da Província; quite a little "job" has been nipped in the bud. It seems the noble senators, falling the wherewithal to defray the cost and secure the maintenance of the recently-projected-by-Imperial-decrece Lyceum, beheld themselves of a plan for raising the wind. This was nothing less than the creation of a Jirivikha monopoly, but luckily the scheme leaked out, in time to allow a plan of campaign to be drawn up and a concerted line of opposition to be organised. This was effective and for once the senators have tasted the bitterness of defeat.

Requiem services were held in the Cathedral to-day in memory of the late King Louis I of Portugal.

ENGINEERING NOTES.

The main drainage pipes of London are 82 miles long.

The modern system of fortifications was adopted about 1500.

The Britannia tubular bridge was begun in 1856 and finished in 1860.

The Embankment of the Thames was encouraged by James I.

Chain and cable suspension bridges antedate the Christian era.

The two bridges of Xerxes had 366 and 314 boats respectively.

There are many stone bridges in China dating from 200 B.C.

The N.W. Aqueduct at Rome was sixty-three miles long.

The first society of civil engineers was formed in London, 1703.

The first tunnel in England was made near Manchester in 1766.

The Phoenicians were the first to employ engineers to fortify cities.

Some of the cranes used in artillery works will raise 100 tons.

The Paris sewers are the largest and most complete in the world.

The first idea of a pneumatic tube was due to Denis Papin, in 1679.

The St. Louis new water tower is said to be the highest in the world.

The Romans were the first to employ gunpowder for blitting rocks.

Nearly one hundred different machines have been invented for boring rock.

OPIUM AND MORPHINOMANIA.

For the edification of the votaries of morphine and opium, and the promoters of the new *Morphine Ordinance*, we reproduce from a London paper the following, which may throw some light on the evil effects and wide-spread use of these dangerous drugs. Our contemporary says:—

During the Congress on Hygiene recently held in London some of the most distinguished physicians and scientists discussed the terrific ravages of morphinomaniacs spreading amongst all sorts and conditions of men and women in England, France, and the United States of North America. Once the habit of taking morphine (or opium) is acquired—and it is acquired with incredible rapidity—there is no way to check the morphinomaniacs' indulgent weakness for the poison—no drug, and, of course, no end to the disorders arising and developing in his or her constitution, until death comes swift and sure to strike the prostrated body or worse than all, a horrible madness overcomes the brain! It then goes on to say that volumes over volumes have been written on the dread consequences of taking morphine and opium in whatever form or guise. Newspapers and medical periodicals never cease to warn the public before the public yet fatal danger of yielding to a habit which, though not so repulsive and visibly abominable as alcoholism, is yet a hundredfold more noxious. And who is there of us who does not know from other personal acquaintance with an unfortunate soul, or from well-ascertained sources, that the men and women addicted to the dreadful habit with speedily and nearly always knowingly to a premature grave, sacrificing family and friends, resigning their best prospects, and throwing off success, because no longer able to resist the atrocious fiend.

Yes, but few people know that the taste is created, and the habit takes root, through an apparently innocent cause. Most, if not all, medicines for internal complaints and nervous disorders are composed of opium and morphine! Ladies suffering from constipation, headaches, neuralgic pains in the backs, and other disorders find an illusive and momentary relief in a medicine which, in most cases, contains morphine or opium. So-called opiates are given, to produce sleep, and to abate fever, especially rheumatic fever. Men after a severe illness often pit themselves whence comes to them a formerly useful and unknown craving for "some sort of stimulant, alcoholic or otherwise?" It comes from the sick body being poisoned by medicaments containing opium or morphine, and thus predisposed to further and more baneful ravages of the craving, if drink or opiates. Children, even infants, are not spared, and though the dose of the potent drug be ever so minute and seemingly harmless—harmless it cannot be for the long run, and in its unforeseen consequences.

TESTS FOR DEATH.

In an article in the *Lancet* for June, Dr. Edwin Howard describes the tests for death employed in the case of an aged woman supposed to have died from bronchitis. They were in results as follows:—

First—Heart sounds and motion entirely absent, together with all pulse movement.

Second—Respiratory sounds and movements absent.

Third—Temperature of the body taken from the month the same as that of the surrounding air in the room, 62 degs. Fahrnheit.

Fourth—A bright needle plunged into the body of the biceps muscle (Cleopet's needle test) and left there, showed on withdrawal no sign of exudation.

Fifth—Intermittent shocks of electricity at different tensions passed into various muscles and groups of muscles gave no indication whatever of irritability.

Sixth—The fillet test applied to the veins of the arm (Richardson's test) caused no filling of the veins on the distal side of the fillet.

Seventh—The opening of a vein to ascertain whether the blood had undergone coagulation showed that the blood was still fluid.

Eighth—The subcutaneous injection of ammonia (Monte Verde's test) caused no filling of the skin indicative of dissolution.

Ninth—On making careful movements of the joints of the extremities of the lower jaw and of the occipito-frontalis, rigor mortis was found in several parts.

Thus of these nine tests, eight distinctly declared that death was absolute, with the exception, the fluidity of the blood, being a phenomenon quite compatible with blood postmortem still and at a low temperature, even though death had occurred.

Tenth—There now remained the diaphanous test, which we carried out by the aid of a powerful reflector lamp yielding an excellent and penumbra light. To our surprise the scarlet line of light between the fingers was as distinct as it was in our own hands subjected to the same experiment. The mass of evidence was complete; but to make assurance doubly sure, we had the temperature of the room raised and the body carefully watched until signs of decomposition had set in. I made a visit myself on the succeeding day to assure myself of this fact.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Madrid is to have an international exhibition next year.

More than 30,000 of the domestic servants in France are foreigners.

A Scotch farmer has arranged to do all his work by an electric motor.

New Zealand has passed a bill to grant women complete suffrage.

London bankers offer to take \$1,000,000 worth of Boston's municipal bonds.

Queen Victoria has been affected by the weather as in no former summer.

The male population of Western Australia is 20 per cent in excess of the female.

It is the custom in the Russian royal family to apprentices every prince to some trade.

Aluminum is to be used on the accoutrements of the German Army to decrease the weight.

There are now 8,543 miles of telegraph lines open in Japan, the length of wires being 44,314 miles.

On an average nine people are sentenced to penal servitude for life every year in English courts.

The Vatican is about to conduct a rigid inquiry into the opposition to Mgr. Stoffl in the United States.

Charles de L'Espresso, who has been pardoned, will now devote himself to the management of the Panama Canal.

The highest death rate from Bright's disease is in Shanghai, 150 per 10,000; Frankfurt, 130, and Amsterdam, 120.

Private letters from the Congo State report that Kerckhoven's expedition was completely destroyed after the leader's death.

The Church of All Hallows in London still possesses an income originally given to it for the purposes of buying sagots for burning heretics.

According to latest reports, the domestic condition of Servia, never very creditable for orderliness, is just now particularly discreditable.

The diamond industry of Antwerp will receive a new impetus in the near future through the establishment of a diamond market in that city.

England's foreign debts owe her \$10,000,000 and are paying her \$500,000 a year as interest upon that vast total of indebtedness.

Forest fires have been raging in the south of France. Empress Eugenie has been one of the principal sufferers by them, her losses amounting to \$60,000.

During the past forty years there has been an increase of 2,350,000 only, and 39 per cent of this increase must be put down to immigration.

Broken-down horses in Germany are restored to perfect health by being fed with infusions of roasted coffee and ground coffee-beans mixed with honey.

Miss Carrie L. Hodson, of Lawrence, Mass., and Miss Edith M. Kenniston, of Concord, N.H., are making a bicycle tour of England for a press syndicate.

The Republic of Brazil has admitted women not only into the service of telegraphs and telephones, but into all the Government departments indiscriminately.

Advisors from Johannesburg state that the output of gold from the Transvaal mines for August was 166,669 ounces, the highest output by 9,977 ounces from that locality.

More than 40,000,000 young trees, it is officially reported, have been planted in Switzerland in the last seven years, in the effort to "reforest" that country.

The Imperial German Government has addressed a circular to the maritime states of the empire requesting their opinions as to the advisability of instituting a State control over shipbuilding.

The new British battleship *Majestic* and *Magnificent* will head the list in point of size.

They will be 300 feet long, 75 feet broad, 37 feet deep, 14,900 tons displacement and 178 knots maximum speed.

According to an election return lately made to the British Parliament there are 6,229,120 voters in the United Kingdom, namely 4,502,832 in England, 1,424,976 in Wales, 747,271 in Ireland and 610,001 in Scotland.

Mme. Rodriguez, a celebrated courtesan of Paris, who failed a year and a half ago, has just died in a lunatic asylum. She was tall, stout and brutally frank, and absolutely declined to dress any woman of a poor figure.

Captain R. Mackenzie, R.N., has completed a detailed reconnaissance from the *Leviathan* to Kharar, Beluchistan, which eventually will be extended to Seistan or some other point on the Persian frontier.

The British Medical Association has at last admitted women as members. The principal by-law was approved last year and this year at its fifty-first annual congress, held at Newcastle, the by-law excluding women was formally expunged.

Albert Lansbury, the well-known sporting-man, and the only American who had ever won the

English Derby, announces that he will retire from the racing field in obedience to orders from his physician. All of his horses will be sold at auction.

Worth, the great Paris dressmaker, says that some years ago a Peruvian heiress paid his firm \$30,000 for a single gown, \$20,000 being the cost of the laces alone. A few weeks ago he sold a cloak for \$12,000, of which \$10,000 were sold for the fur.

The German Government has arranged for the construction of a series of torpedo-boats with a minimum speed of twenty-four knots. An important object of the competition is to determine the value of the tube boilers used by Thornycroft.

Breach-loading rifles were invented in 1812, but did not come into general use for many years. It is estimated that over twelve million are now in actual service in the European armies, while 3,000,000 are reserved in the arsenals for emergencies.

At the exhibition to be held at Antwerp next year, for an original feature, after the manner of the Eiffel Tower and the Ferris Wheel, two captive balloons will be put together and form a stationary aerial castle big enough to hold 150 guests about 1,000 feet above the earth.

Japan's railroads at present have a total locomotive equipment of 200 engines, 100 of which are of English, four of German and two of American make. The last are of the "mogul" type and were built at the Baldwin works. The German engines are rack-rail locomotives, built on the Amt system.

Rewards were given in India, last year, for the killing of 274 tigers, 442 panthers, 131 bears and 86 wolves. In the last four years there have been destroyed more than 3,000 tigers, 2,000 panthers, 500 bears and 300 wolves. On the other hand, wild beasts killed 317 people and 1,200 cattle last year, and there were 955 deaths from snake-bites.

The Shakespeare Reading Society is going to experiment with a Shakespearean play under the conditions it was written. "Measure for Measure" will be acted on a stage built after the model of the sixteenth century. There will be no scenery. The costumes will be those of the day, and groups of spectators will flank the stage.

Dr. Bosse, Prussian Minister of Public Worship, has announced in a circular that children whose families have no religious faith need not receive religious instruction in the public schools except at the request of their parents. The circular has evoked an outcry from all the Catholics and Protestants who favor compulsory instruction in religious matters.

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